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OF THE

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee 1918.

T. A. J. Beasley	Ecru, Miss.
E. L. Wesson	New Albany, Miss.
Webb Brame	New Albany, Miss.
J. E. Coltharp	Myrtle, Miss.
V. B. Tucker	Ecru, Miss.

Standing Committees 1918

Missions—E. L. Wesson and Varda Smith.
Baptist College and Ministerial Education—Webb Brame and S. Joe Owen.
Sunday Schools—Harvey Gray and J. V. Loes.
Prohibition—J. A. Huffstickler and Martin Hadden.
Woman's Work—Mrs. Annie Owen and Mrs. Alice Caldwell.
Documents and Publication—J. E. Jennings and E. L. Brown.
Baptist Orphanage—M. C. Whittington and W. C. McCulley.
Aged Ministers Relief—J A. Vaugh and C. L. Hearn.
Obituaries—E. L. Wesson and Elmer Black.

Ordained Preachers and Post Offices.

J. A. Vaugh ---------- Abbeville, Miss.
W. G. Hearn ---------- , Etta, Miss.
Willie Purvis ---------- Oxford, Miss.
Fred Keyes ---------- Oxford, Miss.
W. L. Brown ---------- Lafayette Springs, Miss.
J. J. Whitworth ---------- Randolph, Miss.
J. A. Wilson ----------
J. A. Huffstickler ---------- Ecru, Miss., Rt. 1
Harvey Gray ---------- Hickory Flat, Miss.
T. C. Hodges ---------- Thaxton, Miss.
T. A. J. Beasley ---------- Ecru, Miss.
John Jennings ---------- Ecru, Miss.
J. J. Hanson ---------- Pontotoc, Miss., Route 1.
M. C. Whittington ---------- New Albany, Miss.
N J. Weaver ---------- Ingomar, Miss.
E. L. Brown ----------
C. S. Curtis ---------- Myrtle, Miss.
E. L. Wesson ---------- New Albany, Miss.
Webb Brame ---------- New Albany, Miss.
M. L. Williams ----------
J. H. Heath ----------
R. W. Pickens ---------- Myrtle, Miss.
E. M. Forshee ---------- Toccopola, Miss.
J. H. Coleman ----------
J A. Roaten ---------- New Albany, Miss.
T. H. Winter ---------- Lafayette Springs, Miss.

Licensed Preachers

J. C. Vinson ---------- Lafayette Springs, Miss.
Vernor Bateman ---------- Hickory, Flat, Miss.
C. L. Byers ---------- Hickory, Flat, Miss.
W. J. Roberts ---------- Ecru, Miss.
Charley Weaver ---------- Ecru, Miss.
Martin Hadden ---------- Ecru, Miss.
Ezzie Hanson ---------- Pontotoc, Miss. Rt. 2.
J. M. Sparks ---------- Lafayette Springs, Miss.

LIST OF DEAD FROM EACH CHURCH.

AMAZIAH—L. M. Baker.
BETHEL U. C.—Charley Simmons and Elmira Todd.
BETHEL L. C.—E. Beard and Amanda Gibson.
BLUFF SPRINGS—B. W. Tallant
CARIE SPRINGS—Mims Wilson.
CHERRY CREEK—A. Campbell, Mrs. Emalizah Pitts, and H. H. Ball.
ECRU—W. H. Graddy and Beatrice Johnston.
GLENFIELD—W. A. Denton and W. D. Tate.
HARMONY—Lynn Walker.
INGOMAR—Willie Taylor
LIBERTY—Maggie Rakestraw.
MACEDONIA—Jim Farrow and Jane Gray.
MYRTLE—W. C. Anderson.
NEW HOPE—F. M. Smith, J. B. Robbins and Rubert Davis.
NEW ALBANY—Mrs. O. C. Thompson, H. W. Mayes, Mrs. J. N. Huchinson, Miss Sallie Cox and Mrs. E. L. Wesson
OAK GROVE—R. E. Walker and Mrs. A. E. Whittington.
PINEY GROVE—C. F. Swain.
PLEASANT HILL—R. C. Grubbs, Mrs. H. S. Huffstickler and Mrs. Lena Huffstickler
SPRING CREEK—W. T. Williams.
SPRING HILL—Rev. J. A. Reynolds and Miss Estelle Miller.
SHILOH—R. H. Stanford.
TEMPERANCE HILL—Mrs. Elijah Boatwright and Rev. J. H. Morgan.
TURNPIKE—George Ard.
TOCCOPOLA—Mrs. E. T. Gathright, J. Anderson and W. F. Waldrop

Order of Business.

1—Petitionary Letters.
2—Fill vacancies of standing committee.
3—Call for and appoint correspondents.
4—Appoint committees on Devotion, Nomination and Finance.
5—Report: Documents and Publications.
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9—Report: Baptist Orphanage.
10—Report: Sunday Schools.
11—Report: Prohibition.
12—Report: Aged Ministers Relief.
13—Report: Obituaries.
14—Report: Hospitals.
15—Appoint Standing Committees.
16—Report of Treasurer and Finance.
17—Report: Woman's Work.

On motion the above was adopted as the Order of Business for this meeting with the privilege of amendment.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BAY SPRINGS CHURCH

September 11, 12, 13, 1917.

Officers.

MODERATOR—T. A. J. Beasley ---------- Ecru, Miss.
CLERK—V. B. Tucker ---------- Ecru, Miss
TREASURER—J. E. Coltharp ---------- Myrtle, Miss.

Next Meeting

PLACE—Macedonia Baptist Church, about ten miles southwest of Myrtle.

TIME—Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

PREACHER—Rev. Webb Brame.

ALTERNATE—Rev. Harvey Gray.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBER OF STATE BOARD—T. A. J. Beasley.

MESSENGER SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—V. B. Tucker.

ALTERNATE—T. A. J. Beasley.

The 78th annual session of the Old Chickasaw Association met with the Bay Springs church on Tuesday the 11th day of September, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m. Called together by song led by Brother John Black.

Scripture read by Bro. T. A. J. Beasley, the Moderator. First Chapter of Phillipians.

Prayer by Brother John Jennings.

Song "How Firm a Foundation."

Expressions from the brethren as to God's goodness to them this year. Brother Harvey Gray baptized 83 this year in his churches and gave a hearty welcome to all messengers and visitors to Bay Springs.

Brother John Jennings has had a good year in his church and hoped this would be one of the best meetings of this Association.

Brother J. A. Vaughn was glad to have this meeting in his home church once more .

Brother M. C. Whittington was glad of this year's work and prayed that this may be one of the best meetings in all our history.

Brother T. C. Hodges was delighted to report some of the best meetings this year he had ever attended and that God had been mighty good to him this year.

Brother C. N. Baird was rejoiced to have the meeting in his home church and was anxious that God should be in the meeting and not be left out of anything we may do.

Brother J. H. Coleman was glad to be here again after being absent for ten years in another Association. He said that while he had been away so many of the brethren had been called to another home.

The hour for preaching at hand.

The appointees to preach not being present, Bro. J. Benj. Lawrence was invited to preach the annual sermon.

Song "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Scripture lesson by Bro. J. B. Lawrence. Four passages, Math. 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21-23. Theme, "The Task or Charter of the Church. Truly a great sermon. After the sermon prayer by Bro. T. A. J. Beasley.

Adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.
Dismissed by Brother Webb Brame.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

Called together by song. Prayer by Rev. E L. Brown.

The Moderator apointed as reading clerks Bros. Webb Brame and N. T. Tull.

The church letters were called for and read, and show this list of messengers present:

Springhill—None present.

Old Oak Grove—W. A. Swain, A. B. Jordan and W. S. Jordan.

Temperance Hill—W J. Boren, V. P. Boren, C. H. Morgan and J. A. Hardin.

Amaziah—A. J. Boatner and W. W. Scott.

Shiloh—J. M. Kelly, Richard Crowson and J H. Hall.

Macedonia—G. W. Mitchell, C. A. Baker and W. J. Hancock.

Union—Robert Blaylock, G. W. Jones, G. W. Crocket and W. B. Moreland.

Myrtle—C. W. McCully, J. T. Garrison and J. P. Coltharp.

Turnpike—J. D. Bolen, T. M. Self, W. R. Balch.

Bluff Springs—R. B. Vinson, W. D. Austin, J. C. Talbert and J. L. Vinson.

Friendship—William Sneed.

Philadelphia—E. S. Hale.

Pleasant Hill—W. E. Wood, and D. R. Cox.

Toccopola—T. J. Wingo, and J. T. Short.

Midway—A. Herrings.

Cherry Creek—J. A. Huffstickler, Halbert Leavell and W. W. Caldwell.

Ecru—T. A. J. Beasley, John Jennings, Elmer Black, and V. B. Tucker.

Cornersville—Harvey Gray, Vernor Bateman, J. A. Farr, and J. V. Loper.

Pleasant Dale—Walter Garrett, W. G. Willard, Etta Garrett and Hadie Garrett.

Glenfield—M. C. Whittington.

Oak Grove—R. W. Pickens, A. M. Whittington, G. E. Manning and R. C. Currie.

New Hope—None present.

Spring Creek—L. C. Kidd, J. F. Young and Grover Morgan.

Bethel U. C.—W. G. Hearn and C. L. Hearn.

Caril Springs—J. E. Whitworth and J. A. Wilson.

Center Point—J. M. Shelton, Jeff Prather and C. W. Garrett.

Fredonia—Harvey Herod.

Piney Grove—J. H. Coleman.

New Prospect—E. T. Watson, T. J. Hale.

Harmony—Henry Williams.

Ingomar—E. L. Brown, N. J. Weaver.

Mt. Pleasant—J. B. Smith, W. L. Sutherland, J. C. Bailey and Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Duncan Creek—T. C. Hodges, A. G. Vaughn, W. T. Dickerson, and A. B. Glassgow.

Bay Springs—J. A. Vaugh, V. B. Roberts, R. T. Holcomb and E. F. Adams.

Bethel L. C.—J. D. Wooten, Oren Pope and Willie Purvis.

Pleasant Grove—J. T. Bennyfield.

Abbeville—None present.

Tula—A. E. Harwell and D. Davis.

Mt. Pisgah—Clint Hale and J. S. Hale

New Albany—Webb Brame, J. M. Smith, Varda Smith, J. F. Dodds, and S. Joe Owen.

Liberty—Letter sent; no messengers present.

The Moderator declared the body now ready for a permanent organization.

On motion of Bro J. T. Short the following named officers were elected by acclamation, by unanimous consent.

T. A. J. Beasley, Moderator.

J. E. Coltharp, Treasurer.

V. B. Tucker, Clerk.

The Association stood and sung "Revive Us Again," and prayer was offered by Bro. T. A. J. Beasley.

On motion the old order of business was adopted with the privilege of amendment.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

Brother Webb Brame was appointed in place of Bro. G. S. Dobbins to make report on Missions.

Brother T. A. J. Beasley was asked to get up the report on Hospitals and turn it over to the clerk for record in the Minutes.

Report on Baptist Hospitals

Our Baptist hospitals both in Memphis and Jackson stand preeminently as an expression of christian benevolence and beneficense. They represent in concrete form, Christ's tenderness for the sick and suffering of the human race. The scope of these institutions is to be as broad as the spirit of Christ and the needs of humanity, people of all creeds and no creeds are sharing alike in their benefactions.

The hospital work is one of God's methods of developing his people in good works.

The life of Jesus on earth is fraught with ministrations

to the sick and suffering, hence in our hospital work we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

The very fact that our hospital at Jackson is crowded with patients all the time is evidence of the high grade of work done there.

Our hospital at Memphis is second to none in efficiency. Many thousands have been helped through its great work. Being a trustee of this institution, I am free to say that it is a shame that we as Baptists have given it so little support and encouragement. Several things we need to do.

First, we should pay promptly our subscriptions as they become due.

Second, we should take up the hospital among our own people to patronize our own institution.

Fourth, we should not unjustly criticise our hospital on mere hearsay about it.

Fifth, we should support it with our earnest prayers.

Sixth, we should take the hospital paper and keep posted on what we are really doing.

T. A. J. BEASLEY, Com.

Called for correspondents. Bro. N. T. Tull, the Budget man from the state at large was recognized with Bro. J. B. Lawrence, our state secretary.

Appointed correspondents. On motion of Brother Webb Brame, Bro. V. B. Tucker was appointed as messenger to the next Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs and Bro. T. A J. Beasley, alternate

To the next State Convention: Brother Webb Brame, T. A. J. Beasley, Harvey Gray and S. Joe Owen.

To other bodies to which we usually correspond: All members of this Association who may attend any of these meetings knowing themselves to be in good standing with their respective churches may be considered as messengers from this Association.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Nomination—W. C. McCully, J. C. Baily and Vernor Bateman.

On Devotion—The pastor with the deacons of Bay Springs church

On Finance—J. T. Garrison, D. R. Cox and J. B. Smith.

The Devotional Committee reported that Bro. Webb Brame would preach here in the church tonight at 8 o'clock and Bro. J. A. Huffstickler would preach in the grove to the overflow crowd on tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Brother G. E. Manning, all visiting members of our churches, whether messengers or not, were invited and were made to feel welcome in this meeting.

On motion of Brother J. A. Vaughn the Association was adjourned until 8:30 on tomorrow.

Homes were assigned to all messengers and visitors.

Dismissed by Brother J. A. Vaughn.

FIRST DAY—Night Session

Sermon by Brother Webb Brame.

Scripture lesson, 10th chapter of Acts; text Acts 10:19; theme, Getting the Vision. Prayer by Brother E. L. Brown.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session

Devotional services led by Brother John Jennings.

A selection of scriptures on Works. Prayer by Brother Harvey Gray. Minutes of first day read and approved.

On motion of Brother E. L. Brown the clerk was instructed to print in the Minutes only the names of the Messengers in attendance.

Report on Documents and Publications

As we go about our work from time to time we are confronted with two things.

Ignorance in regard to God's work and a lack of knowledge in regard to what our Baptist people are doing.

Our Bible is divided into two parts, Christians accept both as the inspired word of God. If the Bible be the inspired word of God and also God's will revealed to man, then the command, "Search the Scriptures" should fall with ponderous weight upon the heart of every child of God.

The Bible is God's will concerning us and if we know His will we must know the Bible and if we do His will we must know what His will is, hence the importance of searching the Scriptures.

Then it should appeal to us because it is a command coming to us from one who had the authority to command our lives. Then if it is a command, we have no choice in the matter, and our only prerogative is to get right down to real down-right searching of the Scriptures.

The word search does not mean just to read the Scripture. Many people read who never search. The definition for the word search is to examine with close attention to detail; secrutinize as for information or better knowledge, to look for closely.

Then we are to look closely into the Bible. "Whether these things be so."

Then ignorance of the Bible is the source of error. Our Saviour told the Pharisees that they "Greatly erred not knowing the Scripture."

We believe from the depth of our heart that if people knew more about the Bible it would go a long way toward eradicating from our ranks so much error.

Then in addition to the Bible we recommend other books

written by our men. We further recommend that each church maintain a library made up of such books as would build them up in the faith and along doctrinal lines. The masses of our people are entirely too ignorant in regard to what we believe.

Of course every church cannot maintain an extensive library, but there is possibly no church but that could secure enough books to furnish its membership with good Baptist reading matter.

Let the pastors urge upon his people first the importance of Bible study and then let him do his best to bring about a more extensive reading of our Baptist books.

We say it with shame, brethren, but we have information from Dr. Lipsy that our state paper, The Record, goes only into about one-fifth of the Baptist homes in the state and possibly less than that in this Association.

This is a matter of no small importance and should be looked after more than it is.

We recommend that each pastor become an agent for The Record and do his best to place it in every home in his work.

Then in addition to The Record, we recommend making it first, other papers, such as the Baptist Builder, Baptist Standard, Western Recorder and other mission journals should also be read.

We have written only a short report giving room for a lengthy discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. BROWN

C. C. WEAVER.

Report on Documents and Publications read by Bro. E. L. Brown. Discussed by Brethren E. L. Brown, N. J. Weaver, M. C. Whittington, J. A. Huffstickler, N. T. Tull, P. A, J. J. Beasley, Webb Brame, J. S. Hale, John Jennings, R. T. Holcomb, W. G. Hearn, Varda Smith, W. C. McCully, C. A. Baker, T. C. Hodges, J. F. Dodds, J. H. Coleman, C. N. Baird, Halbert Leavell, J. A. Vaughn. While this report was being discussed, Bro. N. T. Tull was busy writing subscriptions to The Baptist Record, Orphanage Gem and the Home and Foreign Field. Forty-three subscriptions were taken to the Home and Foreign Field. Bro. Tull was asked by the Asociation to write Bro. G. S. Dobbins a "Love Letter" from the Association when he sends in the list of subscriptions.

On motion the report was adopted.

Report on Missions.

Men made the maps, but God made the world. The boundries between nations, states and districts, are all of human origin, and were never for once in the mind of our Lord. I am glad that the Saviour said, "Go ye into all the world." For purposes of efficiency and convenience, we have divided our mision work into foreign, home and state.

In this report only a glance may be taken at the wide field of world work.

First, we would mention and emphasize Foreign Missions. Our Southern Baptist Convention has work in seven foreign countries. On these fields there is a force of over 300 missionaries with 500 native workers. There are about 400 organized churches with about 900 stations. There are about 40,000 members in these different lands, and 384 theological students. We truly rejoice in the glad reports coming up from our missionaries, but are deeply moved by this sorrowful appeal for more men and money to carry on the work.

Second, the work of Home Missions commands our interest and support. Last year we supported 286 missionaries over the great Southern field. Nearly 40,000 baptisms were reported from the labors of these workers. We also support the 35 mountain schools, Evangelism, Enlistment, Negroes, and Indians, Church Building and Publicity. Just now special plans and appropriations are being laid out to help provide religiously for the thousands of soldiers encamped in our Southern borders.

Lastly, we would press home to our minds and hearts the great call just now for State Missions. State Missions provides for the preaching of the gospel to those in our State who have it not, and provides for the maintenance of a corps of field workers, support for weak churches and other worthy Christian undertakings.

We are glad to report 170,000 white Baptists and 285,000 colored Baptists in Mississippi. There are 1,600 churches and 58 Associations. The Board has helped 210 churches this year, helped to build 38 church houses, keeps five men in the field, two missionaries and two women in the work. We spent $38,473.68 last year. The last convention laid out plans for $41,000.00 this year. What are we doing to realize it? Will your church raise the amount asked for it? Don't fall below it. This committee wants to urge upon every pastor and church to adopt the five year convention program and the church budget plan. Bro. N. T. Tull, the "Budget Man," will be glad to render all possible aid in this.

Respectfully submitted,

WEBB BRAME.

The Report on Missions was read by Brother Webb Brame. It was a great speech on Missions.

Discussed by Brother T. C. Hodges.

The Moderator introduced to the Association Miss Pearl

Caldwell, our own foreign missionary who is at home with her loved ones after seven years' work on the foreign field. She made a great appeal for the lost in far away China that they might know Jesus.

Song, "Jesus Calls for Workers."

The report on Missions adopted.

A public offering was taken for the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Mississippi, amount collected $30.56.

On motion the Association was adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.

Dismissed by Brother M. C. Whittington.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

Song "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Brother N. T. Tull discussed the Budget Plan for financing the church and missions.

Brother Varda Smith gave an account of how New Albany church had succeeded with the Budget Plan.

The following brethren were appointed as a Budget Committee for this Association, to-wit: Harvey Gray, V. B. Tucker, Varda Smith, Ralph Knox and W. C. McCully

Report of Finance Committee

Amount paid in to the Committee for Minutes, $57.50.

Voluntary pledges were made by the fololwing churches and brethren for Minute Fund:

M. C. Whittington, pd	.50	Bay Springs	1.00
New Albany, pd.	$2.50	Thaxton	.50
Ecru	2.50	Spring Creek	1.00
Myrtle, pd.	2.50	Bethel U. C.	1.00
Macedonia	1.00	Amaziah	.50
Mt. Pleasant	1.00	Cherry Creek, pd.	1.00
Cornersville, pd.	1.00		
E. L. Brown	1.50		$19.00
Shiloh	1.00	Paid in	9.00
Temperance Hill, pd.	.50	Balance unpaid	$10.00

Minute Funds Reported

Tula	$1.10	Toccopola	1.60
Philadelphia	1.35	Pleasant Dale	.90
Oak Grove	1.65	Mt. Pleasant	1.50
Fredonia	1.50	Pleasant Hill	1.50
Harmony	1.50	Bethel U. C.	1.60
Carie Springs	.90	Amaziah	1.00
Center Point	1.50	Midway	.80
Shiloh	1.60	Pleasant Grove	1.50
New Prospect	.45	Glenfield	1.00
Piney Grove	.75	Bay Springs	1.50
Ingomar	.70	Myrtle	1.70
Duncan Creek	1.10	Temperance Hill	2.15
New Hope	.15	Union	.45
Cornersville	2.10	New Albany	5.00
Macedonia	2.50	Liberty	.50
Bethel L. C.	1.50	Mrs. R. D. Roberts	.30
Bluff Springs	1.20	L. C. Kidd	1.90
Ecru	4.45	Mrs. J. A. Anderson	.16
Spring Hill	1.00	Mrs. E. C. Goolsby	.15
Friendship	1.95		
Old Oak Grove	1.10	Total above	$60.51
Turnpike	.50	Amount of the Voluntary Pledge	19.00
Mt. Pisgah	1.80		
Cherry Creek	2.95	Total if all paid	$79.51

Report on Obituaries

We, your Committee on Obituaries, ask to submit the following:

In the letters of the churches there is reported (53) fifty-three deaths. Last year (48) forty-eight deaths, and year before last (38) thirty-eight. Death is abroad in the land. During the next year the call may come to me and it may come to you. Let us be ready when it comes.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. HEARN.

Read by Bro. C. L. Hearn.
On motion was adopted.

Report of the Nomination Committee which was adopted as read.

Time—Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1918, 10 o'clock a. m.

Place—Macedonia church.

Preacher—Brother Webb Brame.

Alternate—Brother Harvey Gray.

Report of the Devotional Committee

There will be no services tonight.

Brother T. A. J. Beasley to preach in this church tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

In order to find out the sentiment of the Association as to the plan of organizing County Associations out of the old Associations were it thought best. A vote was taken and a large majority voted to favor the County Organization. This was done and a motion made by Brother G. E. Manning.

Report of Aged Ministers' Relief.

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following:

The call for assistance that comes to us from the aged ministers within the bounds of this Association should awaken profound emotions of sympathy and love in our hearts and lead us to provide for them prompt and ample relief.

Indeed, the care of these veterans of the Gospel Ministry should be one of the prime objects of our denominational benevolence.

These aged soldiers of Christ have reached the top of the hill of life and are fast descending the other side.

They have fought their last fight in the cause of Christ; have waved their last banner of victory over the wiles of

Satan. They need our aid for the comforts and necessities of life and it is our duty as Christians to support them. A duty which we owe to ourselves to these disabled ministers and to our God.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me."

We reccomend that at the time of the reading of this report, the brethren of the Association be asked to relate instances of need known to them among our aged preachers and if it seem advisable steps be taken for the relief of same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. WINTER

T. C. HODGES.

Read by Brother T. C. Hodges.

How We Forget

By D. Y. Bagby, Lone Oak, Texas.

Our dear old preachers preached the Word,
The sweetest message ever heard;
We got the message and were saved,
And found the peace our souls had craved.
But the messenger, where is he?
Do we forget his needy plea?
He worked for naught, his Master served,
From duty's call he **never** swerved,
His soul on Christ and duty set,
But we forget; **so soon forget.**
The dear old man; his life was spent
That dying sinners might repent,
Believe the Gospel in the Word,
Be saved forever unto God.
Bring roses now—don't wait till death

Has robbed him of his latest breath;
But better still, let noble deeds,
Supply his wants, relieve his needs;
And as time flies we'll ne'er regret
"Lest we forget! Lest we forget!"

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion of Brother J. C. Buily the Association was adjourned until 8.30 on tomorrow.

Dismissed by Brother Harvey Gray.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session

Song "Holy Manna."

A lot of Scripture quotations by brethren all over the house, telling about God's promises to His children.

Prayer by Brother Elmer Black.

Song "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

The Minutes of the second day read and adopted.

On motion of Brother J. A. Vaughn the following named brethren were appointed as the Executive Committee for another year: T. A. J. Beasley, E. L. Wesson, Webb Brame, J. E. Coltharp and V. B. Tucker.

Report on Sunday Schools

Read by Brother J. E. Coltharp.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools would submit the following:

We know from the reading of God's Word that the Church is an institution of God's own building, because we hear Jesus Christ himself on one occasion as He said unto one of His disciples "Thou art Peter and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—(Matt. 16:18.))

And to this same company of disciples or church He gave

also power that they might witness of Him and also in Judea and Samaria even unto the uttermost parts of the earth.—(Acts 1:8.)

And the last commission He gave them was to go teach and baptize all nations and putting special emphasis on the teaching the observance of all things He had commanded them.

And to this as the teaching part of this commission we want to say a few things.

Having seen from the Scriptures that the church was an institution founded by God and to whom He has given power to go and evangelize the world and make disciples of all nations, then how we as Baptist people today should stress the teaching also of these disciples. We know from God's Word. We are of this faith on which this church was built. We believe His promises that He will give us this power and we believe also that we are able to give our people this teaching. We believe also the Sunday School is an institution of the church and has the approval of God, because Jesus Christ himself dignified the office of teacher of men. How many more times in fact almost all of them speak of Him as a teacher. Teaching men the way of life.

We believe we as Missionary Baptist churches today are carrying out this part of our Lord's commission. We believe we are trying to teach our people that such faith as Jesus commended in His disciples is able today to withstand the gates of hell.

But to be the force we should be we need the training of more of our people to be efficient teachers of God's Word. When we say efficient we mean all that this word should mean to us.

The time has been when our pastors were expected not only to go to their monthly or weekly appointments to preach the Word but almost invariably called on to teach

the Sunday School and not only teach the class but act as Superintendent as well. Brethren these things ought not so to be.

We believe they should be teachers but should above all else seek to develop his church members to do this.

We would go back then as before stated and say let's be efficient teachers of God's Word. To be this then will require on our part a study of the principles of teaching.

Paul says to Timothy "Study to show thyself approved unto God's workman that needeth not to be ashamed nightly dividing the word of truth."—(2 Tim. 2:15.)

How to do this we must first study ourselves, yes we must know ourselves, must feel our acceptance with God that our teaching may have the approval of God. Then the Sunday School teacher should "know the Bible." Now, there are lots wrapped up in this single word. The Bible is his or her only text for us. To teach it we should know it for it is God's message to men. Not only should he know it in a general way as the names of the books and contents and history of same, but we should know the doctrines of the Bible or the teachings of the Bible and to teach them we must know them. "A great task." Let's be faithful.

After thoroughly familiarizing himself with himself and also with his textbook the Bible, he should also know his pupils or the ones he is teaching. He should study them and sympathize with them.

And in order to do this in the way it should be done we recommend to our churches the Normal Study course of our denomination which is gotten out by our Baptist Sunday School Board and if we can't complete the eight books of the course. Get the Convention Normal Manual, the first of these.

Finally let's all be true to our obligations as followers of our Lord and push forward this work. "Looking unto

Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, having the assurance that having done faithfully our work, there is laid up for us a crown of joy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. COLTHARP

W. C. McCULLY.

Discussed by Brethren J. A. Coltharp, M. C. Whittington, E. L. Brown, Harvey Gray and T. C. Hodges, and on motion of Brother E. L. Brown was adopted.

The Moderator W. G. Hearn, G. E. Manning and Thurmond Dickson to audit the Treasurer's books.

The Clerk was instructed to print into the Minutes the Report on Woman's Work provided such report is sent to him by the committee.

STATISTICS ON WOMAN'S WORK, 1917

Churches	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Training School	Baptist Orphanage	Home Uses	TOTAL
Bethel, L. C.	$	$	$ 4.75	$	$ 10.55	$ 3.25	$ 18.55
Cherry Creek	30.00	21.05	7.60	2.35			61.00
Cornersville	1.00						1.00
Ecru	40.00	47.89	25.35	10.00	0.00	23.75	20 .99
Glenfield					7.65	58.00	65.65
Liberty		9.40		2.55	7.00	7.15	26.10
Mt. Pleasant	57.50	29.50	5.75	5.00	21.50	18.21	144.94
Myrtle	17.25	15.00			49.50	24.82	105.57
New Albany	622.65	540.65	65.75	58.15	138.50	274.75	1700.45
Philadelphia	3.00	7.00			10.00	8.00	28.00
Toccopola	12.45	12.45	5.00			5.55	35.45
TOTALS	753.85	688.99	114.20	78.05	304.70	420.23	2393.80

Report on Prohibition.

Read by Bro. J. A. Huffstickler.

Prov. 23:29, "Who hath woe, who hath sorrow, who have wounds without cause." These questions are asked by wisdom and left for our consideration. The wise men answers, "That they that seek strong drink."

This is true, but not only is this true but they that permit this evil to exist are aiding and abeting in the great evil and are receiving their share of the woe. Just so long as strong drink is made just so long will men use it. The only way to prohibit is to prohibit the manufacture of this deadly evil. This cannot be done in our day. Our law-making body is trying to legistlate to this end. We have laws to protect our state at the present, but they are not being enforced. What we need now is more God-loving men and God-fearing men, rather than more fearing men. Where there is unity there is strength. We need to unite on law enforcement. Our officers may be the best of men but they need our help. Brethren, let us see to it that this evil is kept away from our boys.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HUFFSTICKLER.

Discussed by Brethren J. A. Huffstickler and T. A. J. Beasley.

Report of the Treasurer

Made by J. E. Coltharp.

As Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following report:

Amount received since convening of the Association, September 12, 1916 ---------- Total ------	$1,035.17
Amounts paid for which I have proper vouchers—	
Foreign Missions ----------	$297.20
Home Missions ----------	225.69
State Missions ----------	257.18
General Missions ----------	4.00
Budget Plan ----------	86.54
Old Preachers' Home ----------	8.00
Baptist Memorial Hospital, (Memphis) ----------	19.06
Baptist Orphanage, (Jackson, Miss.) ----------	137.50
	$1,035.17

J. E. COLTHARP, Treasurer.

Report on Baptist Colleges and Ministerial Education.

Read by Brother Harvey Gray and adopted.

Your committee submits a report on on enlarged or broadened subject. Heretofore Mississippi College alone was considered in the report; we are to report on all Baptist Colleges in the confines of our grand old State.

The first and oldest of these is Mississippi College, beautifully located at Clinton. It was first committed to the Presbyterians in 1826 and was named Hampstead Academy. In 1850 it became the free property of the Baptists of the State by whom it has been owned and controlled ever since.

In its infancy it had a desperate struggle to live. War and successive sieges of yellow fever came very near digging its grave a number of times. God saved the college, however, by the hands of His servants, Dr. J. B. Gambell and Dr. Lowrey. The former raised an endowment of

$40,592.70, in 1890. The latter 1901-05, raised and secured as endowments and memorials, $205,000.00. Now it is maintained by an endowment campaign which is made every five years. If all notes were collected, the college, including the endowment, would be worth something over seven-hundred thousand dollars. Two years ago its value was only three hundred thousand. Besides this there is the Chesterman land donation of $75,000.00. God takes care of His own.

Mississippi College is not only a college for preachers, although it is that and should be attended if possible by all of them; but it is a college for all men who wish to make good in any profession and avocation in the business world. This fact is evidenced by the following from the pen of Dr. B. G. Lowrey: "Our own Mississippi College has educated seven of the seventeen men now occupying the district attorney's office in this state, has given one governor to Mississippi and two to Arkansas, two presidents and several professors to our state colleges and has educated many judges, legislators and men of prominence in civic and commercial life."

Another Baptist college, owned and controlled by the Baptist State Convention Board is Clarke Memorial College, located at Newton in Newton county. This is a young college and is not as strong, therefore, as Mississippi College; but as it grows in years it grows in strength. It is a junior college for both men and women who are well cared for in the two separate dormitories. Under the wise presidency of Rev. Bryan Simmons, Clarke Memorial College bids fair to grow financially and otherwise. Eighty-seven young men and young women in these seven years, have received diplomas from this college.

The Woman's College located at Hattiesburg, is also the property of the Baptist State Convention. It, too, is young, but in years only. Dr. J. L. Johnson is its noble president

and he is doing things successfully. Three hundred and ten were enrolled last session and twenty-two of them received diplomas. The college has two large dormitories, an elegant Administration Building, a large campus and fine artesian water. No girl wasts time or money there.

There is a great Baptist college nearer us for girls than the Woman's College—Blue Mountain Female College. It is the property of the historic and God-honored Lowreys, but it is hoped that it will soon be turned over to the Baptist State Board. It is so strong financially, educationally and Baptistically and is so statcgically situated that it should by all means be owned and controlled by the Baptist Board.

In Clinton is another Baptist female college which is entirely Baptistic and is doing much toward making the State a Baptist empire. It is not as strong a college as Blue Mountain or the Woman's College, but it is filling its mission well.

This gives us five strong Baptist strongholds. Besides these colleges there are a number of Baptist High Schools or High Schools that are Baptist in spirit. One of them is at Ecru and is doing a mighty work for God. Eternity alone can tell the good its principal, T. A. J. Beasley, has done in teaching young ministers the word of God. This Association should take some active definite step toward helping the young ministers who attend that school. Their tuition at least ought to be paid by the Association and not by the principal out of his salary which is not any too large.

The times demand that all men be educated and especially ministers of the Gospel. It is also a Bible requisite. See First Timothy 3:2 and Second Timothy 2:15. The uneducated preacher is almost the powerless preacher of today. On one occasion Aristotle was asked how much educated men were superior to the uneducated. "As much" said he, "as living are to the dead." He spoke of men and women

and their wives. Dr. Spurgeon said, "Nothing comes out of a sack but what is in it." We owe it to God and to our Baptist colleges and schools to stand by them through the Education Commission and the State Board and by our attending them and having others do so.

We recommend as follows: First, that every Sunday School superintendent observe in his school Educational Day and carry out the program, prepared for such and sent out by the Board.

Second, that each pastor donate his part toward helping Bro. R. B. Gunter raise the $25,000, which at the last State Convention, was pledged the Education Commission.

Finally, we recommend that a committee of three be appoint to launch some definite plan toward aiding the young preachers attending Ecru High School.

Your committee,

HARVEY GRAY
VERNOR BATEMAN.

Report of Auditing Committee

We, your committee, appointed to audit the Treasurer's books have examined same and find them correct.

W. G. HEARN
G. E. MANNING
THURMOND DICKSON.

The hour for preaching at hand.

Song "Alone on Cavalry."

Prayer by Brother T. A. J. Beasley.

Scripture, 14-24 "God intends for all His children every one of us to follow Him all the way in this life."

A great sermon.

At the close of the sermon the usual hand-shaking was engaged in and Good-bye and God bless you until we meet again.

Brother Harvey Gray asked permission to speak in behalf of the preacher boys in school at Ecru under Brother T. A. J. Beasley, and the following amounts were pledged by the following list to be applied to paying the tuition of the young preachers at Ecru this next session:

Harvey Gray	$15.00	Sister Walnerlun	1.00
C. N. Baird, pd.	5.00	Sister R. B. Harris	1.00
T. C. Hodges, pd.	5.00	W. R. Carwyle	2.50
M C. Whittington,	5.00	Lowrey Harris	2.50
A. M. Whittington	5.00	L. C. Kidd	1.00
E. L. Brown	5.00	Sis. C. N. Baird, pd	1.00
W G. Willard	5.00	Sister N. N. Cobb	1.00
R. T. Holcomb	5.00	Elmer Black	5.00
Will Adams	2.50	T. A. J. Beasley	10.00
A B. Glasgow	2.50	J. E. Coltharp	5.00
J. A. Hardin	5.00	Sis. Wylie Johnson	1.00
G. E. Manning	5.00	Sis. R. D. Roberts,pd	1.00
Clinton Morgan	2.50	Total Pledged	$102.00
George Adams	1.00	V. B. Tucker gives two months' board.	
J. E. Jennings	1.50		

The following resolution of thanks was offered and read by Brother John Jennings:

Resolved, that the Association ask the people of the Bay Springs church and community to accept our thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay among them. Also to the pastor and church for the badges of honor given to and pinned on the messengers.

On motion the Association was adjourned to meet with the Macedonia church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Dismissed by Brother Harvey Gray.

T. A. J. BEASLEY, Moderator.

V. B. TUCKER, Clerk.

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL	POSTOFFICE	Enrollment	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions
Amaziah	A. J. Boatner	Hickory Flat	47		5.96	15
Abbeville				6.00	10.00	
Bay Springs	C. N. Baird	Oxford	57	2.75	6.00	11
Bethel U. C.	C. L. Hearn	Etta	61			
Bethel L. C.	E. H. Harris	Oxford, Rt. 4	59	10.00	8.00	4
Bluff Springs	W. D. Austin	Lafayette Springs	23		3.00	
Carie Springs	J. A. Watson	Randolph	30	4.65	.30	
Center Point					7.25	
Cherry Creek	T. H. Spencer	Pontotoc, Rt. 3	80	52.50	50.00	+32
Conversville	H. H. Kirk	Potts Camp	42	11.34	10.00	1
Duncan Creek	A. H. Hooker	Thaxton	67	5.87	4.00	
Ecru	V. B. Tucker	Ecru	262	10.21	338.57	136
Friendship				7.50		
Fredonia				2.80	2.80	10
Glenfield	W. J. Jackson	New Albany	58	3.50	3.50	
Harmony	Anderson Hale	New Albany	30		3.25	
Ingomar	Charley Nabors	Ingomar	76	25.00	11.60	6
Liberty	W. D. Caldwell	Wallerville	60		18.60	12
Macedonia	G. W. Mitchell	Myrtle	83	8.75	8.75	
Midway				2.50	2.50	
Myrtle	J. E. Coltharp	Myrtle	125	68.00	66.00	35
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Thompson	Wallerville	40	71.82	71.81	40
Mt. Pisgah			70			
New Hope	Jim Warren	Pontotoc, Rt. 5	39			
New Prospect	E. T. Dillard	Thaxton	65			2
New Albany	E. M. Kawkins	New Albany	606	900.00	300.00	250
Oak Grove	J. H. Dodds	Myrtle	63	20.00	20.00	15
Old Oak Grove	W. M. Robbins	Myrtle	60	8.65	5.00	5
Piney Grove	W. H. Tutor	Toccopola	50	.50	.50	
Pleasant Grove				4.00	4.00	2
Pleasant Dale	G. B. Willard	Lafayette Springs	64	4.65		2
Philadelphia	E. O. Hale	Etta	88	5.70	8.30	2
Pleasant Hill	T. H. Crumpton	New Albany, Rt. 6	113	18.01	15.10	
Spring Creek	R. J. Parker	Potts Camp	65			13
Spring Hill	S. H. Hansell	Springville	52	7.25	5.00	9
Shiloh					3.00	
Temperance Hill	J. C. Hardin	Potts Camp	45	6.00		8
Turnpike	W. S. Plunk	Pontotoc	83	11.40		
Toccopola	W. W. Inman	Toccopola	60	12.45	12.45	
Tula	W. B. Coleman	Tula	75	18.00	22.00	
Union				1.25		5
	TOTALS		2759	1402.97	727.54	62

GRAND TOTAL, all purposes reported, $11,801.48

	State Missions	Orphanage Baptist	Education Ministerial	Expenses Incidental	Expenses Sunday school	Pastors Salary	Preachers Visiting	The Poor	Other Objects	Old Building Repairing	Church Property Value of
.96	15.00				2.50						5.00
.00									4.75		6.50
.00	11.76	34.50				100.00					
	3.00				12.00	61.00	10.70				
.00	4.75	10.55		.60	14.60	75.00			3.25		4.00
.00					2.02						3.00
.30						26.00					5.00
.25											2.35
.00	32.00	26.85	3.50	2.85	8.00	145.75	13.60	2.50	13.85		15.00
.00	1.00	12.55		1.10	4.00	73.06	10.00	6.95	5.13		6.00
.00					5.78	75.00	21.50				7.00
.57	136.45	72.23	8.00	200.00	59.94	402.05	91.00	12.95	180.10		40.00
					3.00	100.00	7.30				5.00
.80	10.05			20.00		82.50					8.00
.50			5.00	5.00	5.00				2.00	32.34	10.00
.25				.50	1.00		2.35			3.50	
.60	6.00			17.00	11.64	145.25	17.85				12.00
.60	12.50	8.80	5.10	4.10	3.95	97.50	5.57	10.65	6.00		6.00
.75				12.00	14.00	79.00	50.00				15.00
.50											4.00
.00	35.91	76.00			36.00	300.00	27.25			23.82	18.00
.81	40.00			11.03	5.00	200.00	26.25	3.40	49.25		10.00
											5.00
				1.98	1.10		2.10				5.00
	2.00				7.00	50.00					7.50
.00	250.00	188.65	62.50	23.00	200.00	1500.00	405.00	150.00	580.	1150.	170.
.00	15.00				6.25	135.00	13.00	10.00			7.00
.00	5.00				3.75		21.34				7.50
.50					5.00	40.00			10.34		4.00
.00	2.00										
	2.35			1.15	6.14	50.00	19.70				4.50
.30	2.00	17.00				78.60	15.00		5.00		6.00
.10				11.80	2.25	150.00	9.00			77.77	10.00
	13.70	25.00			6.00	100.00		7.00	3.00		5.00
.00	9.10			6.00	6.25	150.00	35.00	8.60		1.50	12.00
.00											10.00
	8.00				3.00	100.00	12.30			300.00	7.00
					7.00	75.00	25.29		2.57		6.00
.45		5.50		6.00	8.00	263.75	25.00			8.00	12.00
.00									5.00		
	5.20										2.50
.54	622.77	307.84	84.10	303.41	450.17	4654.46	866.10	212.05	870.17	1299.93	46,285

Church	Pastor	Postoffice	Clerk
Amaziah	Harvey Gray	Hickory Flat	W. W. Scott
Abbeville	J. P. Horton	Holly Springs	J. H. Anderson
Bay Springs	Harvey Gray	Hickory Flat	A. E. Roberts
Bethel, U. C.	A. J. Jones	Myrtle	C. L. Hearn
Bethel, L. C.	T. C. Hodges	Thaxton	W. J. Black
Bluff Springs	A. J. Vaughn	Abbeville	T. C. Harris
Carie Springs	J. J. Whitworth	Randolph	W. B. Tutor
Center Point	J. T. Cox	Hickory Flat	J. M. Shelton
Cherry Creek	I. P. Randolph	New Albany	T. H. Spencer
Cornersville	Harvey Gray	Hickory Flat	Alex Rhea
Duncan Creek	T. C. Hodges	Thaxton	A. H. Hooker
Ecru	T. A. J. Beasley	Ecru	Brooks Tucker
Friendship	H. G. West	Pontotoc, Rt. 3	J. D. Hale
Fredonia	E. L. Brown	Ingomar	Zack Huskinson
Glenfield	J. J. Pannell	Blue Springs	R. B. Graddy
Harmony	M. C. Whittington	New Albany	A. C. Gregory
Ingomar	S. V. Gullett	Blue Springs	Jno. F. Guyton
Liberty	I. P. Randolph	New Albany	R. C. Fitzgerald
Macedonia	Harvey Grav	Hickory Flat	I. W. Mitchell
Midway	J. A. Vaughn	Abbeville	Burkett Alford
Myrtle	E. L. Wesson	New Albany	J. T. Garrison
Mt. Pleasant	W. T. Darling	Blue Springs	H. C. Sloan
Mt. Pisgah	J. H. Heath	New Albany	J. S. Hale
New Hope	J. E. Jennings	Ecru	P. W. Pitts
New Prospect	E. L. Brown	Ingomar	J. W. Watson
New Albany	Webb Brame	New Albany	Varda Smith
Oak Grove	E. L. Brown	Ingomar	J. W. Oak
Old Oak Grove	J. E. Jennings	Ecru	Ocie Swain
Piney Grove	T. C. Hodges	Thaxton	W. A. Hodges
Pleasant Grove	W. C. Whittington	New Albany	J. T. Benefield
Pleasant Dale	T. C. Hodges	Thaxton	J. M. Willard
Philadelphia	A. J. Jones	Myrtle	W. F. Baker
Pleasant Hill	S. V. Gullett	Blue Springs	W. E. Wood
Spring Creek	Harvey Gray	Hickory Flat	William Bonds
Spring Hill	S. V. Gullett	Blue Springs	Frank M. Ferrill
Shiloh	J. L. Curfee	Tulu	J. H. Hall
Temperance Hill	J. E. Jennings	Ecru	C. H. Morgan
Turnpike	J. A. Huffstickler	Ecru	W. R. Bolen
Toccopola	E. L. Wesson	New Albany	T. J. Wingo
Tula	S. H. Sheppard	Water Valley	W. B. Coleman
Union	T. H. Winter	Lafayette Springs	U. C. Culfee
TOTALS			

Not reprssented this year, Shady Grove, Salem and Cypress Creek. Membership a

	Postoffice	Baptised	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
t	Hickory Flat	14		1	5		1	165
rson	Abbeville	1			5			47
rts	Oxford	10		1	4		2	148
n	Etta	5		1		1	2	157
	Oxford	1		1	1		2	50
s	Lafayette Springs	4		3			1	49
r	Randolph	3		3	2	3	1	92
n	Hickory Flat			1		1	1	53
er	Pontotoc, Rt. 3	4		6	3		3	105
	Hickory Flat	6		7				116
r	Thaxton	9	2	3	8			100
er	Ecru	44		22	32		2	290
	Ecru	9		1	2			159
nson	Ingomar	13	1	4	8	5	4	260
dy	New Albany	2		3	14		2	98
ory	**New Albany**				2		1	59
ton	Ingomar	8		6	5	1	1	173
erald	Wallerville	1			1		1	117
ell	Myrtle	53		11	7		2	265
ord	Abbeville							23
on	Myrtle	5		5	5		1	130
n	Wallerville	7			7		1	231
	Myrtle	4			3		1	50
	Pontotoc				12		3	72
n	Thaxton			3	1			121
h	New Albany	28		30	9		5	443
	Myrtle	8		9	3		1	93
	Myrtle	9		4	14	1	1	135
es	Toccopola			6	1		1	121
eld	New Albany, Rt. 2	3						29
d	Lafayette Springs	5						74
r	Lafayette Springs	1	1	1				93
d	New Albany	11	3	8	2		3	180
nds	Potts Camp				2		1	92
errill	Springville	3		1	4		2	163
	Denmark	2			3		1	136
an	Potts Camp	13		1	3		2	122
n	Pontotoc	6		1	5	1	1	123
	Toccopola	10		3	1		3	113
nan	Tula							140
e	Tula	4		3				59
		305	7	149	174	13	53	5546

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